

REGION IV MENTAL HEALTH BOARD MINUTES

March 9, 2010 - 12:00 TO 2:00 PM

Ada County Sheriff's Office

7200 W Barrister, Boise, ID

CHAIR: Toni Lawson

VICE CHAIR: Connie Cruser

Attendees: Gina Westcott, Greg Dickerson, Doug Miller, Elizabeth Baker, Courtney Santillan, Ruth Vonk, Laura Thomas, Linda Zimmer, Sue Kastan, Ross Mason, Scott Armentrout, Shelley Retter, Connie Cruser, Sharon Ullman

Excused Absences: Vern Garrett, Frank Eld, Martha Eckoff

People not heard from and not present: Toni Lawson, Judi Corlett, Mary Rong, Russell Duke, Karen Fagan, Jessica Gasiorowski, Kelly Norris, Ron Freeman

| <u>Agenda</u> | <u>Presenter</u> | <u>Discussion</u> | <u>Action/Next Steps</u> |
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| Introductions Attendance | Gina Westcott | Introductions were made | |
| Voting | Gina Westcott | Decided there is a quorum and voting for new officers can proceed. Who was nominated and did they accept the nomination. Greg Dickerson, "I was nominated." Sharon Ullman was nominated. | |
| | Connie Cruser | Asked for additional nominations. Motion to use the paper ballots. The individual who receives the most votes becomes the Chairman and the second individual would be Co-Chairman. | |
| | Unknown voice | Amended the motion to say Sharon Ullman would be the Co-Chair and Greg Dickerson would be the Chair. | |
| | Gina Westcott | Thanked Ullman and Dickerson for their time and willingness to be officers and reiterated their qualifications. | |
| | Unknown voice | Copy of **letter** in packet. Public participation in *****. Discussion of appropriate wording of the letter. | |
| | Unknown voice | Discussed Infant/Toddler program. | |

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| | Gina Westcott | Talked about how to do billing and finding private providers for clients who can get services elsewhere. | |
| Furlough | Gina Westcott | Difference between half day every other Friday to full block of time. Not seeing a real strong impact on the day-to-day services to the client until going to a full day. State hospital discharges were cut dramatically because they are gone on Fridays. Impact on H&W because of furlough. Expect more challenges in the future and she will keep everyone posted on information she obtains as she is able. | |
| | Unknown voice | Put together handouts discussing saving money versus sacrificing services. Private sector rates versus Medicaid rates. Discussion regarding the creation of the Katy Beckett program and why it is in place. Discussion regarding mental health facility at the prison not able to open due to funding issues. | |
| Member reports and updates | Unknown | Preventative Health Screening scheduled for Friday, the 12 th from 3-7 pm at Central District Health office on Armstrong and Emerald. Targeting indigent people for preventative care. This is a pilot program and hopefully will expand throughout the state. | |
| | | There is a small group of providers ushering through a PSR licensure bill that got to print this year at the legislature. There are pros and cons to this bill but has a good report from the professional licensing board. The Idaho Psychology Association is in opposition. Conference registration is live today online. Printed mailing will go out next week. | |
| | Unknown | Department of Corrections probation officers and ****My department*** had a brief meeting with the private mental health providers and substance abuse providers and request they consider reducing their cost. They were receptive. Lost Bell Counseling in McCall. There is a new substance abuse provider, "Ginny Marie Wellness Clinic" who is going to be doing substance abuse treatment. We are trying to research their organization and find out their model. Based in Ada County. It was determined the doctor involved, Ralph Smith, is not a doctor. He is a radio announcer. Bell Counseling has withdrawn | |

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| | | from Payette as well. | |
| | | Allumbaugh House will provide screening for mental health if they are referred by a provider. The intent is to redirect to higher levels of care. Partner is Terry Reilly Health Services, who is going to be provider and mitigate the need for emergency room visits. Cindy Miller will be invited to come to the next board meeting to describe the program and what will be allowed. | |
| | Connie Cruser | Drug Court in Elmore County is moving ahead. The group is in California training this week. The part time coordinator is hired. Hopefully they will be up and running in a couple of months. The number one concern in Elmore County is substance abuse. On May 8, there will be medication take back. Orange Ribbon Campaign (alcohol awareness) in April. After Orange Ribbon, move to Green Ribbon. May is Children's mental health awareness month. | |
| | | Next meeting on April 13. Motion to adjourn. | |
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